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In the application of:

Daniel E. H. AFAR, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/615,285

Filing Date: 12 July 2000

For: NOVEL TUMOR ANTIGEN USEFUL
IN DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF
PROSTATE AND COLON CANCER

Examiner: Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.

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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is a second response to the Office Action, Paper No. 18, mailed May 6, 2003. An amendment and response to Paper No. 18 was filed by Applicants on August 6, 2003. However, the Advisory Action mailed September 29, 2003 (Paper No. 21) indicated that the August 6, 2003 response did not place the application in condition for allowance, and the amendments in that response were not entered by the Examiner.

Accordingly Applicants submit this second response in order to facilitate prosecution. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies the response, moving the date for response to November 6, 2003, and thus this response is timely filed. A Notice of Appeal also

accompanies this response, which maintains pendency of the application beyond November 6, 2003.